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Application No.: 09/960,706) Group Art Unit: 1631
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For: IDENTIFYING DRUGS FOR AND DIAGNOSIS)
OF BENIGN PROSTATIC HYPERPLASIA)
USING GENE EXPRESSION PROFILES)

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Applicant's or agent's file reference 44921-5029WO	FOR FURTHER ACTION	see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.
International application No. PCT/US01/24708	International filing date (day/month/year) 07 August 2001 (07.08.2001)	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 07 August 2000 (07.08.2000)
Applicant GENE LOGIC, INC.		

This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This international search report consists of a total of 5 sheets.



It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. **Basis of the Report**
 - a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
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 contained in the international application in written form.
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2. Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).
3. Unity of invention is lacking (See Box II).
4. With regard to the title,
 the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
 the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:
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 as suggested by the applicant.
 because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.
 because this figure better characterizes the invention.
 None of the figures

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 1 of first sheet)

This international report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claim Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. Claim Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

3. Claim Nos.:
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Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of Item 2 of first sheet)

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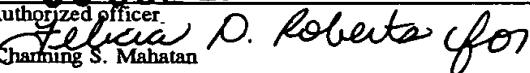
The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER		
IPC(7) : C12Q 1/68 US CL : 435/6 According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC		
B. FIELDS SEARCHED		
Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols) U.S. : 435/6; 514/168		
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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used) Please See Continuation Sheet		
C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT		
Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	US 5,763,429 A (BISHOP et al) 9 June 1998(09.06.1978), see entire document.	1-3
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BOX II. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION IS LACKING

In a telephone conversation with Michael S. Tuscan, March 15, 2002, to determine whether applicants' elected additional groups it was pointed out that the original lack of unity contained an error whereby Group 1 (claim(s)1-3), drawn to gene profiling of benign prostatic hyperplasia, was inadvertently omitted. It is hereby agreed upon that the lack of unity requirement be modified by the addition of Group 1. Therefore, the original Group 1-755 is now Group 2-756, the original Group 756-1510 is now Group 757-1511, etc. Applicants' elected newly modified Group 1 (claim(s) 1-3), and no additional groups.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. In order for all inventions to be searched, the appropriate additional search fees must be paid.

Group 1 (claim(s) 1-3), drawn to gene profiling of benign prostatic hyperplasia (newly modified).

Groups 2-756 (claim(s) 1-7), drawn to a method of identifying an agent that modulates the onset or progression of benign prostatic hyperplasia in cells based on expression of SEQ ID NO X, wherein X is anyone of SEQ. ID. Nos: 1-755. For example,

If Group 2 is elected, this correlates with SEQ ID NO: 1.

Groups 757-1511 (claim(s) 8-12), drawn to a method of diagnosing the onset or progression of benign prostatic hyperplasia in a subject based on expression of SEQ ID NO X, wherein X is anyone of SEQ. ID. Nos: 1-755. For example,

If Group 757 is elected, this correlates with SEQ ID NO: 1.

Groups 1512-2266 (claim(s) 13-17), drawn to a method of differentiating prostatic hyperplasia from prostate cancer based on expression of SEQ ID NO X, wherein X is anyone of SEQ. ID. Nos: 1-755. For example,

If Group 1512 is elected, this correlates with SEQ ID NO: 1.

Groups 2267-3021 (claim(s) 18-31), drawn to an oligonucleotide probe of SEQ ID NO X, wherein X is anyone of SEQ. ID. Nos: 1-755. For example,

If Group 2267 is elected, this correlates with SEQ ID NO: 1.

Groups 3022-3776 (claim(s) 32-43), drawn to a computer-system comprising a database of information pertaining to SEQ ID NO X, wherein X is anyone of SEQ. ID. Nos: 1-755. For example,

If Group 3022 is elected, this correlates with SEQ ID NO: 1.

Groups 3777-4531 (claim(s) 44-48), drawn to a method of monitoring treatment in a patient based on gene expression of SEQ ID NO X, wherein X is anyone of SEQ. ID. Nos: 1-755. For example,

If Group 3777 is elected, this correlates with SEQ ID NO: 1.

Group 4532 (claim(s) 49 and 50), drawn to a method of analysing gene expression results by implementing an algorithm.

The inventions listed as Groups 1-4532 do not relate to a single inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: The claimed methods produce different products and/or different results which are not coextensive and which do

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not share the same technical feature; identification of a compound, diagnosing BPH, differentiating from cancer, an oligonucleotide probe, computer-system, monitoring treatment, and analysis with an algorithm. Furthermore, the claims are directed to different genes corresponding to SEQ ID Nos: 1-755. Each of these genes are separate entities which encodes different proteins with different activities, binding reactions, antibody recognition, etc. and thus each has its own special technical feature. Thus, in summary, each of Groups 1-4532 are directed to different special technical features and thus support this lack of unity.

Continuation of B. FIELDS SEARCHED Item 3:

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search terms: benign prostatic hyperplasia, gene expression, cell, drug, microarray, compare